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Introduction

HISTORY

The 1992 Census of Agriculture is the 24th taken by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. The first agriculture census was taken in 1840 as part of the sixth decennial census of population. From 1840 to 1950, an agriculture census was taken as part of the decennial census. A separate mid-decade census of agriculture was conducted in 1925, 1935, and 1945. From 1954 to 1974, a census of agriculture was taken for the years ending in 4 and 9. In 1976, Congress authorized the census of agriculture to be taken for 1978 and 1982 to adjust the data reference year so that it coincided with the economic censuses covering manufacturing, mining, construction, retail trade, wholesale trade, service industries, and selected transportation activities. This adjustment in timing established the agriculture census on a 5-year cycle collecting data for years ending in 2 and 7.

USES OF THE CENSUS

The census of agriculture is the leading source of statistics about the Nation's agricultural production and the only source of consistent, comparable data at the county, State, and national levels. Census statistics are used by Congress in developing and changing farm programs and for determining the effects of these programs. Many national and State programs are designed or allocated on the basis of census data, such as funds for extension services, research, and soil conservation projects. Private industry uses census statistics to provide a more effective production and distribution system for the agricultural community.

AUTHORITY AND AREA COVERED

The census of agriculture is required by law under Title 13, United States Code, sections 142(a) and 191, which directs that a census be taken in 1979, 1983, and in every fifth year after 1983, covering the prior year. The 1992 census includes each State, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands of the United States.

FARM DEFINITION

Since 1850, when minimum criteria defining a farm for census purposes first were established, the farm definition has been changed nine times. The current definition, first used for the 1974 census, is any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year. The farm definition used for the outlying areas varies according to area. The report for each area includes a discussion of its farm definition.

COMPARABILITY OF DATA

Data on acreages and inventories for 1992 and 1987 are generally comparable. Dollar figures shown for expenses and agricultural product sales are expressed in current dollars and have not been adjusted for inflation or deflation. In general, data for censuses since 1974 are not fully comparable with data for 1969 and earlier censuses due to changes in the farm definition.

TABULAR PRESENTATION

State data. Tables 1 through 45 in chapter 1 show detailed State-level data usually accompanied by historical data for one or more past censuses. Tables 46 through 52 provide 1992 State data cross-tabulated by various farm classifications.

County data. Chapter 2 presents selected data items by county. Tables 1 through 17 include general data for all counties. The counties are listed in alphabetical order in the column headings. Tables 18 through 39 include only counties reporting the data item. Counties not having the item, or with a limited number of farms reporting the item, have data combined and presented as "all other counties."

SPECIAL TABULATIONS

Custom designed tabulations can be developed to individual user specifications on a programming cost reimbursable basis. Inquiries about special tabulations should be directed to the Chief, Agriculture Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233.

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CENSUS DISCLOSURE RULES

In keeping with the provisions of Title 13, United States Code, no data are published that would disclose the operations of an individual farm. However, the number of farms in a given size category or other classification is not considered a release of confidential information and is provided even though other information is withheld.

INVENTORIES, PRODUCTION, AND SALES DATA

Inventories of livestock, poultry, and machinery and equipment are measured as of December 31 of the census year. Crop and livestock production, sales, and expense data are for the calendar year, except for a few crops (such as citrus) for which the production year overlaps the calendar year.

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

The following abbreviations and symbols are used throughout the tables:

- Represents zero.
- (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.
- (H) Standard error or relative standard error of estimate is greater than or equal to 99.95 percent.
- (IC) Independent city.
- (L) Standard error or relative standard error of estimate is less than .05 percent.
- (NA) Not available.
- (S) Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of either the response rate or a consistency review.
- (X) Not applicable.
- (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.
- cwt Hundredweight.
- sq ft Square feet.

A. Highlights of the State's Agriculture: 1992 and 1987

[Dollar figures are in current dollars with no adjustment for price changes. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

la		All farms		
Item		1992	1987	Percent change from 1987 to 1992
Farms	acres	8 716 32 876 071 3 772	9 205 33 595 135 3 650	-5.3 -2.1 3.3
Estimated market value of land and buildings 1: Average per farmdoi Average per acredoi	ollars	601 437 159	533 284 147	12.8 8.2
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment 1: Average per farmdo	ollars	53 862	45 709	17.8
Farms by size: 1 to 9 acres 10 to 49 acres 50 to 179 acres 180 to 499 acres 500 to 999 acres 1,000 to 1,999 acres 2,000 acres or more		449 994 1 356 1 513 1 079 880 2 445	795 989 1 356 1 536 1 091 954 2 484	-43.5 - -1.5 -1.1 -7.8 -1.6
Total cropland	acres	6 756 2 842 020 5 735	7 237 2 838 627 6 389	-6.6 .1 -10.2
Irrigated land fa		1 532 732 5 076	1 717 027 5 221	-10.7 -2.8
Market value of agricultural products sold\$1,0	,000	1 464 585 824 205 94 562	1 517 891 676 721 73 517	-3.5 21.8 28.6
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops\$1, Livestock, poultry, and their products\$1,	,000	153 862 670 343	124 693 552 028	23.4 21.4
Farms by value of sales: Less than \$2,500 \$2,500 to \$4,999 \$5,000 to \$9,999 \$10,000 to \$24,999 \$25,000 to \$49,999 \$50,000 to \$99,999 \$100,000 to \$249,999 \$250,000 to \$49,999 \$500,000 or \$49,999 \$500,000 or \$99,999		1 531 722 946 1 385 1 092 1 185 1 203 436 216	1 987 766 977 1 497 1 241 1 154 1 064 335 184	-22.9 -5.7 -3.2 -7.5 -12.0 2.7 13.1 30.1
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1 Average per farmdoi	1,000 ollars	675 225 77 479	536 980 58 329	25.7 32.8
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) 1	1,000	8 715 140 895 16 167	9 206 136 366 14 813	-5.3 3.3 9.1
Operators by principal occupation: FarmingOther		5 612 3 104	5 953 3 252	-5.7 -4.6
Operators by days worked off farm: Any		4 251 2 435	4 674 2 640	-9.1 -7.8
Livestock and poultry: Cattle and calves inventory	arms	5 839 1 424 002	5 990 1 412 901	-2.5 .8
Beef cows fa Nutur fix	farms imber	5 114 746 789 523 7 596	5 082 689 166 788 9 287	.6 8.4 -33.6 -18.2
	ımber	5 866 1 014 <u>982</u>	5 965 956 5 <u>2</u> 3	-1.7 6.1
Hogs and pigs sold	ımber arms imber arms imber arms imber	379 39 128 342 60 335 1 462 921 133 516 26 315	474 28 437 407 54 255 1 568 917 122 929 29 235 337	-20.0 37.6 -16.0 11.2 -6.8 -44.5 -10.0
	imber	382	9 491	-76.4 -96.0
Corn for silage or green chop	acres green	390 29 077 482 859 670 211 312	433 29 900 508 205 924 252 784	-9.9 -2.8 -5.0 -27.5 -16.4
bus Barley for grain	shels arms acres	5 264 505 857 104 167	7 207 742 1 190 127 366	-27.0 -28.0 -18.2
Dry edible beans, excluding dry limasfa a	acres	8 178 366 346 29 709 517 834	8 654 469 394 33 866 618 740	-5.5 -12.2 -12.3 -16.3
Sugar beets for sugarfa a	arms acres tons	497 72 550 1 451 023	400 56 932 1 177 191	24.3 27.4 23.3
text)fa	farms acres s, dry	5 032 1 017 562 1 756 092	5 682 1 132 842 1 904 291	-11.4 -10.2 -7.8

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.

B. Highlights of the State's Agriculture: 1992 and 1987 (Metric Measurement)

[1 acre = 0.4047 hectare. For further metric conversions, see metric conversion table in appendix E. Dollar figures are in current dollars with no adjustment for price changes. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

live.		All farms		
ltem		1992	1987	Percent change from 1987 to 1992
Farms		8 716	9 205	-5.3 -2.1
Land in farms Average size of farm		13 304 946 1 526	13 595 951 1 477	-2.1 3.3
Estimated market value of land and buildings 1: Average per farm Average per hectare	dollars dollars	601 437 159	533 284 147	12.8 8.2
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment 1: Average per farm	dollars	53 862	45 709	17.8
Farms by size: .01 to 3.84 hectares		449	795	-43.5
3.85 to 20.04 hectares		994 1 356	989 1 356	.5
72.68 to 202.22 hectares		1 513 1 079	1 536	-1.5 -1.1
202.23 to 404.65 hectares		880	1 091 954	-7.8
809.52 hectares or more		2 445	2 484	-1.6
Total cropland	hectares	6 756 1 150 165	7 237 1 148 792	-6.6 .1
Harvested cropland	farms farms	5 735 620 297	6 389 694 881	-10.2 -10.7
luinated land				
Irrigated land	hectares	5 076 592 718	5 221 614 290	-2.8 -3.5
Market value of agricultural products sold	\$1,000	824 205	676 721	21.8
Average per farm	dollars	94 562	73 517	28.6
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops	\$1,000 \$1,000	153 862 670 343	124 693 552 028	23.4 21.4
Farms by value of sales:		4 504	4 007	22.0
Less than \$2,500\$2,500 to \$4,999		1 531 722	1 987 766	-22.9 -5.7
\$5,000 to \$9,999 \$10,000 to \$24,999		946 1 385	977 1 497	-3.2 -7.5
\$25,000 to \$49,999 \$50,000 to \$99,999		1 092 1 185	1 241 1 154	-12.0 2.7
\$100,000 to \$249,999 \$250,000 to \$499,999		1 203 436	1 064 335	13.1 30.1
\$500,000 or more		216	184	17.4
Total farm production expenses ¹ Average per farm		675 225 77 479	536 980 58 329	25.7 32.8
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) 1		8 715	9 206	-5.3 3.3
Average per farm	\$1,000 dollars	140 895 16 167	136 366 14 813	3.3 9.1
Operators by principal occupation: Farming		5 612	5 953	-5.7
Other		3 104	3 252	-4.6
Operators by days worked off farm: Any		4 251	4 674	-9.1
200 days or more		2 435	2 640	-7.8
Livestock and poultry:		5 000	5 000	0.5
Cattle and calves inventory	number	5 839 1 424 002	5 990 1 412 901	-2.5 .8
Beef cows	number	5 114 746 789	5 082 689 166	.6 8.4
Milk cows	farms number	523 7 596	788 9 287	-33.6 -18.2
Cattle and calves sold		5 866	5 965	-1.7
Hogs and pigs inventory	number	1 014 982 379	956 523 474	6.1 -20.0
	number	39 128 342	28 437 407	37.6 -16.0
Hogs and pigs sold	number	60 335	54 255	11.2
Sheep and lambs inventory	number	1 462 921 133	1 568 917 122	-6.8 .4
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory	number	516 26 315	929 29 235	-44.5 -10.0
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	farms number	8 382	37 9 491	-78.4 -96.0
Selected crops harvested: Corn for silage or green chop		390	433	-9.9
	hectares metric tons	11 767 438 042	12 101 461 036	-2.8 -5.0
Wheat for grain	farms hectares	670 85 518	924 102 302	-27.5 -16.4
Barley for grain	metric tons	143 276 857	196 163 1 190	-27.0 -28.0
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	hectares metric tons	42 156 178 063	51 545 188 429	-18.2 -15.5
Dry edible beans, excluding dry limas	farms	346	394	-12.2
	hectares metric tons	12 023 23 489	13 706 28 066	-12.3 -16.3
Sugar beets for sugar	farms hectares	497 29 361	400 23 040	24.3 27.4
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc.	metric tons (see	1 316 346	1 067 930	23.3
text)	farms hectares	5 032 411 807	5 682 458 461	-11.4 -10.2
	metric tons	1 593 100	1 727 544	-7.8

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.